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Republicans are Organizing.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The republican members of both houses in congress had a caucus to-night, at which the republican congressional committee was practically organized for the campaign. About seventy senators and representatives attended. The delegations of all but eighteen states announced the selection of their representatives on the committee. The southern members are as follows as chosen to-night: North Carolina, Representative, Henry R. Gibson; Texas, Representative, R. B. Hawley; Virginia, Representative J. R. Walker; West Virginia, Representative Warren Miller.

As soon as the other delegations select their representatives on the committee, which will be within a few days, another caucus will be called to perfect organization by electing officers and mapping out the campaign work.

LOCAL NEWS.

Personals and Happenings of Interest Gathered for The Democrat's Many Readers.

Prof. J. B Dodson was in Dallas Saturday.

McKinney Woodmen have ordered regalia for their camp.

Anna Dramatic Club gave an entertainment at Melissa Saturday night.

J. F. Wilds, teacher of Backbone school, was here Saturday.

Messrs Forsyth & Kerr have the contract for erecting a new residence for Senator Gough.

Col. R. D. Allison is attending the state Odd Fellows conclave in Fort Worth.

Miss Lizzie Moore has returned to Norman, O. T. after a visit to McKinney relatives and friends.

Mrs. E. E. King arrived Thursday morning from a visit to her mother at Crystal Springs, Miss.

Roll Stiff, for several years a clerk in S. Weisman's establishment, has accepted a position in Pilot Point.

All was commotion on our streets for awhile Friday morning. Cause, burning soot in a chimney on College Hill.

Mrs. W. A. Rhea Jr., of Dallas visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Herndon here the latter part of last week.

C. E. Obenchain, piano tuner and repairing specialist, is here from Greenville looking after his list of patrons.

W. B. Pope returned a few days since from a trip south where he disposed of two cars of mules. He found the market more brisk than usual.

Miss Cecil de St Aubin of Marshall, who has been visiting her mother McKinney, has gone on a visit to friends at Sulphur Springs, Fort Smith, Ark., and Saint Louis.

Mr. Higginbothan of West Collin and J. H. Johnson of this city have just returned from a trip to Wichita. Mr. Johnson says prospects are bright out there for business and a good crop this year.

R. G. Hendricks of Forest Grove community informs us that he marketed 150 bushels of corn in McKinney at 6 cents above the market price. The corn was sold to Mr. Killingsworth who will shell it and send it to Louisiana and Texas for seed.

Friday of last week, Lon Taylor brought down from Melissa a large mounted catamount which is now among the various bird and animal specimens on exhibition in McKinney & Hill's store. The cat weighed forty-two pounds and was caught a few weeks ago by Geo. McKinney and others near Melissa. Taxidermist Tom Scott of Melissa mounted it.

A called session of the city solons, Thursday night, awarded the contract of surveying the city to N. Werenskiold of Dallas for $250. His specifications will serve both in laying water mains and a sewer system which will probably be placed in later.

John J. Walden, son of County clerk Walden, and Miss May Martin were married one evening last week at Melissa. Eld. V. R. Stapp offiicated. The bride is a daughter of Jesse Martin a well known farmer living east of Melissa.

Woodmen A. J. Caldwell, K.K. Kerr, O. H. Brooks, E. R. Hall, J. C. Saunders, Pat Moulden, Jesse Atkinson, G. W. Watson, J. H. Faulkner, J.W. Lane, R. L. West, J. H. Wilson and J. T. Collis of Magnolia camp, this city, went to Plano Thursday night and installed officers of Hickory camp in that city.

A tax sale took place in McKinney Saturday that will probably end in the courts. The property sold was personal property levied on by the city assessor and collector to satisfy $14.80 city taxes due for the years 1896 and 1897. It developed at the sale that the property was covered by a prior chattel mortgage lein. The mortgagee, through his attorney, made public this fact and gave notice that the right to the property would be claimed by him, as mortgage holder. The sale proceeded, but the bidding was not as lively as contemplated.

A young man from Collin county appeared before county clerk, Chisholm, Thursday morning and by false affidavit procured marriage license for Wylie Lithicum and Miss Elenor Jackson. By some means the clerk found out that the affidavit was false, so after a sleepless night—although no blame attached to him for issuing the same—he lit out in his buggy yesterday morning to Collin county, found the young man before the license had been used, demanded and received them back.—Rockwall Sun.

Real Estate Transfers

List of real estate transfers filed for record in the county clerk's office McKinney, Texas,

Week ending Feb. 5, 1898.

Greenberry Adams, trustee, to Jesse Shain, 10a U W Bell sur $50.

J T Kendrick to G W Kreymer 55a J G Jowitt sur, $200.

J F Butler to G C Kreymer 90a De La Pina sur, $880.

S S Connel and wife to Gattfried Donner, 8 35-100a J G Jowitt sur, $425.

S W Bateman and wife to W H Kreymer all interest in F De la Pina sur, $1050.

P E Robinson et al to J C B Moore, 40a W D Thompson sur $1000.

E C Tarvin and wife to Thomas Bush, 35a B L Hann sur, $1050.

Thos Bush and wife to T B Wilson, 35a R L Hann sur $875.

T G Boorman to J F Smith, 1-2 interest in lot 5 block 2, Princeton, $15.

J L Rees and wife to Trustees Cumberland Presbyterian church, Lavon, $1 and other valuable consideration.

E A Skiles and wife to P A Ingrum lot in Plano, $255.

W S Rollins and wife to C H McKnight, 5a Larkin McCarty sur, $50.

W J S Russell and wife to Anderson Holman, lot in Mary Standifer sur, $75.

W J S Russell and wife to G W and Annie Watson, lot in Mary Standifer sur, $100.

F R Yeary and wife to James Pauley and wife, undivided interest in 57 1-2a Wm Boren sur, $1500.

W J S Russell and wife to R J Sanders lots 22 and 23 blk 12 W J S Russell addition to McKinney $300.

J W Willard and wife to J E Mitchell 40a Collin county school land, $900.

D W Taylor and wife to M A Maples 62 1-2a Thomas Kendall sur, $1200.

M A Keer and wife to Fain & May 26a John Chalmers sur $400.

Chas H Keer and wife to Fain & May 40a John Chalmers sur $1100.

A J Streeter to L A Scott 32a M R Roberts sur $700.00

G N Osborne and wife to J W Combest, 37 1-2a Johnathan Douthett sur, $862.50

J F and Tollie Smith to J H Jenkins 1-4a Mary Standifer sur $400.

Jos Greer and wife to W S Mahar 107a M R Roberts sur $3200.

I D Newsome to W S Mahar, 97a M R Roberts sur $1600.

J W Patterson and wife to John F Wilds 1-2 interest in 83a J D Black sur $400.

W J S Russell and wife to A L Reneau lot 7--8 block 4 W J S Russell addition to McKinney $300.

T B Wilson to G P Davis 116 46-100a S D Terry sur $1746.90

J B Harris to Yeatts Bros 3 years lease on 500 acres, Samuel Peugh sur, covenants therein contained.

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Gabe Staggs, one of the McKinney Texas, colony, that has been here for some time absorbing Pecos Valley ozone for asthma left for his home yesterday morning.—Roswell Register.

Al Woodhall, late of Gainesville, left last week for Seattle, state of Washington. From that port he will embark for Alaska and join the Klondike adventurers in quest of gold. He is the first to leave this county for that frigid country since the fame of Klondike rose.

Some Ladonia parties will soon begin the erection a new cotton seed oil mill at Farmersville, this county. It will be an entirely new plant, the buildings to be erected of brick and the machinery will be new. The Santa Fe has been requested to place in a switch siding, on which to run cars loaded with material to be used in building and operating the new concern.

J. G. Williams, an onion grower near McKinney, was on the streets Saturday talking up an Onion Growers' association. He with others claim that no less than fifty farmers within a five-mile limit of McKinney were engaged in producing onions for the markets. These gentlemen think that an association would attract attention of wholesale dealers, and thus prove a benefit to raisers of onions in this locality. A meeting will probably be called soon.

The Collin County Mill and Elevator company has enlarged and rearranged its office in a very commodious manner recently. The company has also enlarged its warehouse to double its former capacity and let the contract for straightening its elevator, which, under the weight of 90,000 bushels of wheat, crushed in a portion of its foundation and careened from a vertical position. A Dallas contractor was awarded this contract. The present machinery will be replaced at an early date by a plant already ordered which will then make this flouring mill second in capacity in the state.

Obituary.

Mrs. Feland, relict of the late Dr. J. M. Feland, died in this city Feb. 2, after a long illness. She and her deceased husband were among the earliest and best known settlers of this county. Funeral services were conducted at the family residence at 1 o'clock next day and interment at the family burying ground, 3 miles west of town.

John Markham Killed.

The above news comes from the Dallas News correspondent at Denison, which says "Mrs. W. B. Markham received a telegram, addressed to her husband, Dr. W. B. Markham, stating that his brother, John Markham, was killed in the Indian Territory Tuesday and that the remains would be shipped to Wichita Falls for interment. The killing was by shooting, and it occurred fifty miles from the railroad, in the territory. Aside from that there is no information as to the cause or circumstances of the killing." Mr. Markham is well known in Farmersville and his father, Winston Markham, lives between this place and Floyd.—Farmersville Times.

Cotton Statistics.

The following cotton statistics are given out by Latham Alexander & Co., of New York:

Year	Bales	Price	Total
'93—4	7,549,817	7.89	$392,932,899
'94—5	9,901,351	5.79	288,918 504
'95—6	7,157,906	8.09	292,384,457
'96—7	8,787,904	7.48	327,547,954

MANIAC'S HORRIBLE CRIME.

Arkansas Farmer Murders his Father and Mother and Part of His Own Family.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 3.—One of the most horrible crimes ever perpetrated in the state took place five miles north of Mulberry in Franklin county last night. Sol F. Autrey, a farmer, accompanied by his family, went early yesterday morning to visit his aged father and mother, living near Mulberry.

Shortly after his arrival Autrey became engaged in a religious argument with the old folks. Suddenly he grasped an iron bar, killed his aged father, mother, and his 10-year-old son and seriously wounded his wife and three remaining children, two of whom are not expected to live.

When the maniac started the deadly work his wife and eldest daughter made their escape, notifying a near neighbor, but when the neighbor arrived the madman was standing in the door swearing that he would kill any one who dared to enter. Other neighbors came and found Autrey a raving maniac with his clothes on fire. He was overpowered, and the sight that met their eyes was appalling. Three dead victims on the floor, beaten, burned and mangled almost beyond recognition.

He has been chained all day, talking incoherently, swearing that witches were the cause of the act, and that the last lick was when he killed his boy, and then he says he awoke. Some doubt his insanity.

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Wheat is needing rain again.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Reins a fine boy last week.

S. H. Foster and family of Rheas Mill were visiting in our community Saturday night and Sunday.

Elmore Snider has returned home from the Indian Territory.

Bowlby is coming to the front. There is strong talk of a new church next summer.

Farmers are having fine weather for preparing their land for an other crop and they are making good use of it; some are sowing oats.

Rev. Morgan of McKinney will preach for us again beginning Thursday night and continuing until Sunday night next.

Mrs. Dr. Feland formerly of Bois d'arc, but for the last 18 months in McKinney was buried at the old family graveyard last Friday evening a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives followed her to her last resting place.

CENTRAL.

Snap Shots.

Dallas News.

Mr. Turley landed without buying a legislator, so Tennessee is not on to the Ohio way yet.

Gov. Taylor will count the hands of his friends before he tries it again.

And so Senator Mills has discovered a ring in Texas! Ah!

Hurry up the plowing, boys; the gubernatorial band wagons are getting ready to move.

Miss Bradley will use a bottle of water in the christening of the battleship Kentucky. So they have at last found a use for water in Kentucky.

The understanding is that the poor gold democrats of Texas are still shivering in the frigid blasts of the Hon. Charles R. Johnworth's scorn.

Texas is enjoying a diversification of candidates for the first time in many years.

State officials would certainly not be acting dishonestly by furnishing their own stationary, postage and stenographers in conducting political campaigns.

The Kansas City Journal alludes to its town as "Robber's Roost." We suppose the public will be compelled to take the Journal's word for it.

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Preachers and Their Relation to The People.

Lucas, Tex. Feb. 4, '98.

Some people look upon preachers as being a higher order of beings than the rest of the folks. If the preacher through the infirmity of the flesh, does wrong it is noticed more than in anyone else. The world would say that such conduct is "bad for a preacher." And so it is, but God requires righteous lives in all classes of men, and the preacher being made of the same material out of which the rest of the folks are made he does not have any advantage in the scale of perfection over other people.

He is only an earthen vessel. Having said this much to get the idea fixed in your mind that preachers are only human beings and not angels, I now proceed to discuss their relation to the people and what ought to be the attitude of the people toward them. In the first place the preacher ought to be a benefactor. His is a mission of love, to bring comfort and peace to the lacerated hearts and blighted homes is the greatest work ever committed to men. No home is too wretched or life so darkened by sin that he should refuse to enter that home and offer to that sinful life the bread of eternal life. He is called to the bedside of a dying man who perhaps has spent his life in sin, and has cursed the messenger of God as he stood in the pulpit and denounced sin. But he does not send for the fiddler to whose music he has so often danced; he does not want the saloon man at whose bar he has drank; he does not send for his comrades in sin, but he remembers that the man of God said in the last sermon he ever heard him preach, though it has been years, "That the blood of Jesus cleanseth from all sin," and he has not forgotten that hymn the choir sang, "And there may I though vile as he wash all my sins away." The dying man sends for the messenger of God who comes in the spirit of his master and tries to point the man to the cross. Possibly his efforts will be successful, but be that as it may his responsibility and relation to his fellowmen in this respect is very great.

What then is our duty towards these men we call preachers. Mother, are you a christian woman? If so it is the desire of your heart to see your boy enter the ministry and bear the message of love to a sinful world. What then ought to be your attitude toward the preachers in your community? If you magnify their mistakes be they real or imaginary; if you believe and circulate every false report you hear about them, your chickens will all come home to roost when your boy assumes the responsibility of a preacher.

I have in mind a preacher who is a man of convictions and for no other reason than he acted on his principles was bitterly abused. Reports with not a shadow of truth were circulated in hope of downing him. The procession was headed by those who did in their churches just what he contended for in his.

I also have in mind a precious good woman who has somewhat turned against this preacher, saying she can't help from believing these false reports. That mother has a son who is preparing for the ministry and whose church obligation will bind him to support the very same thing for which she condemned the other preacher. In the years to come if that boy enters the ministry and is a man of courage and conviction there will be evil things said of him and then that mother will bitterly regret having harbored evil in heart against those of like occupation.

UNCLE MIKE.

Earthquake shocks were distinctly felt in various parts of Virginia Feb. 5.

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF CROPS.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The final estimates of acreage, production and value of crops in the United States for 1897, made by the statistician of the department of agriculture, are as follows:

	Acres.	Bushels.	Value.
Corn	80,095,101	1,902,967,933	$501,072,952
Wheat	39,460,066	530,149,168	428,547,121
Oats	25,730,375	698,767,809	147,974,719
Rye	1,703,561	27,363,324	12,239,647
Barley	2,709,116	66,685,127	25,142,139
Buckwheat	717,836	14,997,451	6,319,188
Potatoes	2,534,577	164,015,967	89,643,059
Hay	42,426,770	*60,664,876	401,490,528

*Tons.

Detailed information by states will be issued in printed form in a few days. The revision of the estimates of the acreage of wheat and rye for the present season is nearing completion. No report on tobacco will be made at present. JOHN HYDE, Statistician.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been recorded in the County Clerk's office since last report:

B L Braswell and Miss Sallie E Womack.

W F Garmon and Miss Arabella Treece.

J W Jones and Miss Bettie E Roberts.

G I Wilcox and Miss Jessie Stiff.

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"	No. 16	3:10 p. m.
"	No 4	5:53 p.m.
"	Cannon Ball	10:05 p. m.

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A revolution is threatened in Nicaragua; however, the navy is well prepared to protect American interests.

W. D. Gordon has applied for membership to the Tammany Democratic club of Sherman.

Greenville is to have a hard wood factory with a capital stock of $20,000 all subscribed by home people.

Mrs. Wm. Place, the wife of an insurance adjuster, killed her 17 year old step daughter and tried to kill herself and husband.

Madrid is in an irritable state over Cuban matters. It is frightened less the United States take a hand.

A little four year old child of Lane Barnett near Revenna, in Fannin county, was burned to death by its clothing catching on fire while playing in the yard.

John York, age 16, struck Frank Stubbs, age 13, over the head with a club fracturing his skull. The trouble arose over the right of pasturage and took place near their home in Washita, Co., Ok.

Frank Huddleson, of Beaver county, Oklahoma, was found dead in his house with a bullet hole in his head. He was a bachelor and lived alone.

A big conflagation took place in Fort Worth yesterday. The Hurley and the Jennings buildings and other nearby structures were burned. The loss is estimated as high as $300,000.

W. E. D. Stokes of New York claims to have the personal papers of Boss Tweed, deceased, which, when published, will create a sensation, from the fact that many eminent politicians will be shown up in an unenviable light.

Judge Sherrell and two or three others are said to have formulated a test nauseating to many Greenville democrats. As a result the "young men's party" has been organized which will be a factor in the coming municipal campaign.

A bill has been introduced in Ohio's legislature proposing to enact a law creating county boards of marriage. Its intent is the refusal of marriage permits whenever either party to the contract suffers from dipsomania, kleptomania, insanity blood disease or tuberculosis. Each county is to have a board of three physicians whose decision must be final.

Senator Lindsay was requested to resign by the Kentucky legislature but he declined to do so in a public speech in the United States senate Feb. 4. He calls attention to the fact that he had previous to his last election in 1894 voted against the free coinage of silver at the ratio 16 to 1. He says that after he made his record against the "16 to 1 or nothing" idea he was supported by every democrat in the Kentucky legislature.

Sam Burks desires to succeed himself as marshal of McKinney and makes his announcement this issue to our readers. He has served in this office for eight years. During this long service he has made a record and hopes upon this record to be retained as marshal by the sovereigns of our city. Consider his qualifications for the position at the polls this spring. If reelected he promises his best efforts to maintain his past record in office and discharge with fidelity every duty imposed.

The World's Great
Blood Purifier is
Hood's Sarsaparilla,
Which absolutely
Cures every form of
Impure blood, from
The pimple on your
Face to the great
Scrofula sore which
Drains your system.
Thousands of people
Testify that Hood's
Sarsaparilla cures
Scrofula, Salt Rheum,
Dyspepsia, Malaria,
Catarrh, Rheumatism,
And That Tired
Feeling. Remember this
And get Hood's
And only Hood's.

Col. Jim Hogg is a Crane supporter in the present quadruple contest for governor going on in the democratic party.

The February number of The New Time is a beauty. Have you seen it? At last the people have a magazine which they can call their own. We will forward your subscription. The price is $1 a year, and we make a clubbing rate of $1.65 for the New Time and The Democrat.

The opportunities for a lawyer are exceeding great in this glorious state of Texas. Look at Jim Hogg. He gained the governorship of the state by threatening to put Jay Gould in stripes and insisting on a railroad commission to keep the citizens from being robbed by the railroads. Now he is getting $10,000 fees every once in a while from Huntington and other railroad magnates for defending the roads against the penalties imposed on them for violating the rules of his railroad commission. For a job that gets 'em coming and going there isn't any thing that equals that of the law.—San Angelo Standard.

Texas Swine Breeders.

The Texas Swine Breeders' association was called to order at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning by President Nat Edmonson. The first question was, "By which method is the most profit made in feeding hogs—by forcing from birth, using grain as the principal food, or by grazing, using less grain and fattening later?" The discussion was led by Mr. T. C. Slaughter.

Mr. C. Faulkner read a paper, "Hogs in Connection with Fruit—Is It Profitable?"

Mr. Skinner moved that the association appoint two hog raisers in North Texas and two in South Texas, and two breeders in each north and south Texas, to write articles on hog raising and breeding, the same to be printed in pamphlet form, 5000 in number, for gratuitous distribution among the farmers of Texas. Carried.

Mr. R. F. Butler was selected as superintendent of the swine exhibit at the Texas State Fair during the coming hog show, and a committe of three was appointed to select a judge for this exhibit and two out of three judges for the fat hog show at Fort Worth next month. W. R. Cavitt, C. W Thomas and J. C. Cobb were selected as the committee.

The report of the committee appointed to confer with Mr. Skinner of Fort Worth in reference to exhibiting Texas-grown hogs at the Omaha exposition was read and after some discussion the cammittee was continued with power to act in the premises as they saw fit.

At the afternoon session Messrs. Singleton, Slaughter, e Barron, Rose, Cavitt, Coffee and Hoxie were selected to prepare the articles on the swine industry contemplated by the Skinner resolution.

After the transaction of routine business the members of the association and their friends adjourned to meet again next October during the fair in this city.

During the afternoon all the visitors were the guests of Mr. John S. Armstrong at the packing-house, where they were most hospitably entertained. Stirring addresses were delivered by Hon. Barnett Gibbs, W. A. Shaw, R. F. Butler and John S. Armstrong on the swine industry and other vital topics of interest to the farmers and stock raisers of the state.

After the ortory the visitors and their friends were banqueted They departed for their respective homes last night, delighted with the courtesies shown them while in Dallas.—Dallas News.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining unclaimed in the postoffice, at McKinney, Tex Feb., 9, '98, which, if unclaimed in two weeks, will be sent to Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C.

LADIES.

Andrews Manda	Barnes Mertha
Boyd G W	Cash V A
Colens Sarah	London Mary
McClain Yetta	Pisto Eliza
Phillips Sarah	Robertson Mary
Smith Georgie	Webb Mattie
Webb Hattie	Emma Wise

GENTLEMAN.

Alderman J E	Anderson Will
Armitage S F	Bolton G F (3)
Burton C H	Burton J A
Capps Matthews	Carlton Agnes
Calloway R B	Beckhum J W
Crowder J T	Cole J W
Cornelius W A	England Sam C
Fenly R H	Hale James A
Harris G W	Jinkins Dugin
Lanier B F	Lawrence Joseph
Lane John	Lewis Ben
Lykins John	Million
Phillips Wilson	Rogers Murf
Ruthledge I M	Russel Sam
Stanford Joe	Shaw Charley
Stapletod W E	Snide Artuns
Whyte M J	

Persons calling for letters ou this list must say "advertised" or they may fail to get them.

Mrs. M. A. Cameron
Postmistress.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been recorded in the County Clerk's office since last report:

W T Richardson and Miss Lizzie Moore.

Curtis Hancock and Miss Ada Rike.

J. J. Walden and Miss May Martin.

D. P. Waldrup and Miss Leda Hardin.

FARMERSVILLE BUDGET.

The Need of Water Works—Justice Court Docket Assignment Precinct No. 2.

Feb. 9, 1898.

Dr. Murchison of Merit was in town Tuesday.

Ed McDowell the genial section foreman of McKinney was visiting friends in this city Sunday.

Miss Ella Leahy who has been visiting in this city for the past month, returned to McKinney last Saturday.

Dick Harris of Nevada was in the city Monday and Tuesday.

N. T. Hicks, D. P. Johnson, Jesse Harris, and Dick Harris went to the county site Monday.

W. T. Pryor had his hands and arm mashed severely some time since.

There has been a great deal of farm work done preparatory to another crop. The people of Collin county are as industrious and shifty as any people in the south and if we could only get fair prices for our farm products we would be the most prosperous and happy people in the nation.

Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. met at Fort Worth on Monday last. W. T. Pryor represented the encampment No. 112, Farmersville, Wm. Windom represented the Subordinate Lodge No. 228, Farmersville and Mrs. Cassie Honaker represeuted Rebecca Lodge No. 98, Farmersville. Mrs. Wm. Windom accompanied Mrs. Cassie Honaker.

Bruce Webb, Allen Murchison, and Oscar Wylie attended the Murchison-Alderson nuptials at Whitewright Tuesday.

Paul Harris and Richard Hudson were in Dallas Sunday.

R. E. Wylie and R. E. Gray were in Dallas Sunday.

Misses Claudie Boyd and Virgie Bell visited in Merit last week.

Mrs. Levi Robinson and daughter visited in Merit Saturday and Sunday.

The waterworks project seems to be forgotten for the present. Now this is a thing that must be attended to, sooner or later. If you put it off now, some time in the near future it will come up again.

Our city schools are moving along very nicely. We have a very large attendance, and we have a first class corps of teachers who are doing all they can to make this an educational center. Let everybody pull for the city schools of Farmersville.

JUSTICE COURT.

Following is the assignment of the justice court docket at Farmersville, Feb. 8, Justice J. R. Self presiding:

T A Bailey vs C L Hamrick et al set for Tuesday 15th inst.

A J Aven vs W S Aston et al passed for present.

J Purvin vs G P Bowers and C M Stidham: judgment for plaintiff for $25.00.

J Purvin vs C C Frost, judgment for plaintiff for $111.73.

E L Stanford vs O L Mynett, set for Thursday Feb. 10.

Bell & Jackson vs L Stanford for 10th.

Simington & Bell vs S C Horton, claim paid and case dismissed.

Jesse French vs T F Lokey, passed for present.

Moore & Murchison vs A L Gray, judgment for plaintiff.

Moore & Murchison vs D I Stewart, judgment for defendant, plea limitation.

Moore & Murchison vs E T Fitz, judgment for defendant, plea limitation.

Moore & Murchison vs M W Samson, judgment for plaintiffs.

Moore & Murchison vs W L Sanders, judgment for plaintiffs.

Moore and Murchison vs J L Galey, settled by agreement.

State of Texas vs J E Milam, dismissed by the state.

J B King vs A J Saddler, jugdment for plaintiff.

South Bend Plow Co vs T E Ball not set for the present.

W A Bell vs J J Tefteller, judgment for plaintiff.

Yeary & Rike vs S P Taylor, judgment for plaintiff.

RELIGIOUS.

Rev. J. W. Hill is preaching at Allen this week.

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Rev. J. M. Robertson, formerly pastor of the First Baptist church in McKinney but now of Dallas, preached in Anna, Sunday morning.

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Presiding Elder I. S. Ashburne, of Greenville district, was here a little while Friday evening enroute to Allen. We were glad to learn Sister Ashburne, who had been very near death's door with pneumonia, was much improved.

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The dinner given first Monday by the Episcopal church ladies was well patronized.

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The 5th, annual Y. P. S. C. E. convention of the Dallas district will be held at Waxahachie on April 20 and 21. All the endeavorers of the district are expected to be present. "Waxie" will royally entertain all that will attend, and she is expecting not less than 500 on above date. The Dallas district is composed of Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Kaufman, Van Zandt and Hunt counties, the most populous C. E. district in the state.

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Sunday was appointed memorial day by the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission society of the M. E. church South for Miss Lucinda V. Helm, its founder. The McKinney branch of this important church adjunct observed the occasion with a special service. By request Rev. J. W. Hill preached the sermon from the text Phil. 4:3 "And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellow labourers whose names are in the book of life." During his interesting discourse Rev. Hill said that Miss Helm was the daughter of ex-Gov. Helm of Kentucky. He was listened to by an attentive and crowded congregation as usual.

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Last week's Denton Monitor makes the following interesting mention of Rev. D. J. Martin, who was pastor of the Methodist church in McKinney the past two sonference years:

Rev. D. J. Martin of Lewisville, preached at the M. E. Church, South last Sunday to a packed house in this city. The discourse was interesting especially for the reason that he was the pastor of that church in 1862, and preached in the old Masonic Hall when there was not a church in Denton.

Rev. Martin belonged to Morgan's command during the war and was captured and imprisoned at Camp Douglass, where he took the small pox and was sent to the prison hospital. Recovering, he came to Texas at the close of the war and studied for the ministry. The church at Denton was his first charge, and here he made many friends, both in and out of the M. E. Church, south.

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"Sin." Such was Pastor Hallam's text at his morning service last Sunday, he taking for his text James 1:13-15, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: but every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." It was a plain, practical talk on every day living. He hit at the "concealed" sins, one that no one sees only the all-powerful eye of God.

At the evening service his theme was the "Power of truth." There were fine audiences at all the services of the day. The music was splendid, and especial mention is made of the cornet solo by Mr. Larison.

Miss Ella Jenkins will lead the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting next Sunday evening, beginning promptly at 6 o'clock, the subject being "called-to what? How?" Isa. 1:16-20.

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Eld. Homer T. Wilson will lecture at the Christian Church next Tuesday evening, Feb. 15, his theme being "America's Uncrowned Queen." It will be remembered that Eld. Wilson preached the dedication sermon at the Christian church, and he needs no "puff" from us, but the following extract is taken from the Richmond (Va) Times: The theme of his lecture was "America's Uncrowned Queen", and by his masterful words and dramatic power, placed women of America, if possible, on a higher plane in the minds and hearts of his large audience. He is not a believer in the "new woman," but in the same woman for the future that bore and reared such men as Lee and Jackson, and thousands of other who were men to hold for all ages as models." For benefit Cemetery Association. Tickets are on sale at Largent Bro's. book store. Admission 35 cents, children 25 cents.

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The Church Bulletin is a convenient and welcome innovation at the Methodist church. It is handed out at the door by the ushers and contains a directory of ministers, official board, Sunday school, Epworth League and other church societies together with appointments of the day and succeeding week. Also a selection of pithy editorial paragraphs sparkle out from each edition. This piece of enterprise on the part of the pastor is a time-saver in the pulpit and a memory-server in the pew, for now precious moments are not consumed in repeating numerous announcements by the preacher every Sunday to be forgotten or confused by his hearers almost as soon as they fall from his lips. But services proper begin punctually at the appointed time of opening, giving ample time to get through and close promptly on time as in beginning. Thus time is saved the preacher as before said while the unwearied congregation is dismissed with the sermon in their minds, and less important things such as announcements and organic running gear of the church in their hands in "cold black and white" for ready reference at home.

"Shorty," the painter, of Farmersville, gave us a most pleasant call Monday. There is no one more welcome to our sanctum than Shorty. We have known him for years in McKinney. He was always cheerful, obliging and honest. He had however, became a victim to strong drink. Steadily and surely the habit gained upon him. From the toils of intemperance there seemed to be no release. But this was a mistake. Manfully he broke away from the vice and walked out into the bright sunshine of liberty free from the monster that was industriously forging around him the clanking chains—prostrating his body and soul! He joined the Good Templars of Farmersville of which order he is a worthy and honored member. He is in good health, happy and says that he intends to keep his pledge. We can heartily congratulate him and view his successful efforts with admiration. By his noble determination and stubborn resistance against temptation he has forced the respect of even those who linger around the wine cup. Heaven speed him to a still higher plane of just reward and may his course be followed by others whose lives and homes are darkened by alchoholic vice.

OPIUM and Whiskey Habits cured at home without pain. Book of particulars FREE. DR. J. C. HOFFMAN, 223 N. Pryor St.

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EVER HAD IN McKINNEY.

The Racket Store Stock Moved to The

Mississippi Store stand

We are too crowded and we must reduce our stock This stock is full of the finest

Silks, Novelty Dress Goods, Clothing, Shoes and Hats

at Factory Prices.

We do buy Bankrupt Stocks at forced sales---this enables us to sell direct to the consumer his goods at actual wholesale cash price---the same price the old regular merchants have to pay for the goods---you see there is a great saving to you. Our goods are all new and up-to-date. We have no goods a quarter of a century old. We have only been here 4 years and we don't pass judgment on you but ask you to price and examine our goods. The prices talk, then you can be the judge.

If we can't save you money on what you buy, we don't want your trade.

Our goods, bought at forced sales shrink in price but not in fabrics. This is our great leverage on the masses' pocket book.

Don't Miss THE 30 DAYS' SALE Now Going On

AT THE MISSISSIPPI STAND.

DRESS MAKING UP-STAI S. Mrs. Keen (nee Tonie Burger) has opened a Dress-making department at the Mississippi Store and invites all adies who want the FINEST UP-TO-DATE Dresses made call and see her.

POPULISTS NOTICE.

To expedite the taking of the Referendum vote, territory has been assigned as follows to the several members of the Referendum committee, to whom the chairmen in the respective states will make their report:

Paul Dixon, Chillicothe, Mo.
Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Utah, Colorado, California, Wyoming, Nevada,

L. D. Reynolds, Chicago, Ill.
Oregon, Montana, Washington, Idaho, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois.

Harry Tracy, Dallas, Texas.
Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi.

Chas. McGregor, Atlanta, Ga.
Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia.

A. H. Motsinger, Shoals, Ind.
Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Dist. of Columbia, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire.

PEOPLE'S PARTY REFERENDUM BALLOT.

Date.....

Believing in the principles of the people's party and favoring independent party action and not having voted on the annexed proposition, I vote as follows:

PROPOSITIONS.

1. Do you favor a national convention being held, pending the campaign of 1898, for the purpose of promoting the welfare and declaring the future policy of the party?

Vote.....
Yes; or No.

2. Which of the following dates is your choice for holding a National Convention for the nomination of presidential candidates for the peoples party?

July 4, 1898. May 26, 1899. Feb. 22, 1900.

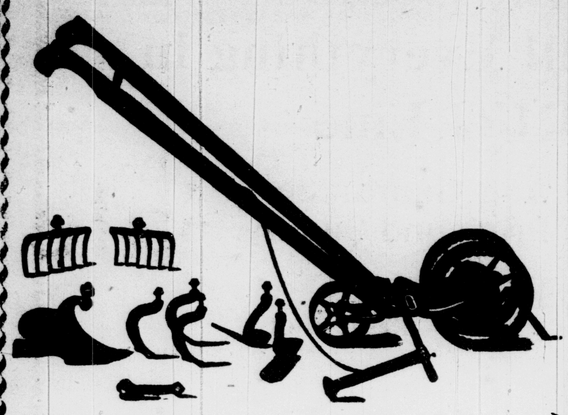
Vote.....
Write on this line your choice of above dates.

My name is.....

Postoffice.....County.....State.....

Note—This ballot may be used at township, precinct or ward referendum meetings called for that purpose by the county or township chairman, or by five loyal populists. County chairmen should attend these meetings, explain the Referendum, and report the result of the vote to the chairman of the state organization committee of his state, not later than April 20, 1898, who will tabulate the vote by counties and report by May 1, 1898, through the Referendum committeeman who has charge of the territory in which the vote is taken, to the chairman of the National Organization committee, Milton Park, Dallas, Texas. In addition to these meetings, committeemen and workers everywhere are uged to see that each township, precinct and ward is canvassed so that every member of the party will have a chance to vote. Any populist may fill out his ballot and deliver it to any township or county chairman, or mail it to his State Organization chairman.

Garden Tools



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Plants Everything from Mustard Seed to Butter Beans.

Seed Drills, Cultivators, Wheel Hoes and Garden Tools at

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McKINNEY, TEXAS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Subject to the democratic primaries.

For County Judge
J. H FAULKNER
F. E. WILCOX
J. L. DOGGETT
D. P. JOHNSON

For County Attorney
GEORGE HARDIN
H. L. DAVIS

For County Clerk
PAT MOULDEN
W. M. SHIRLEY

For Sheriff
J. W. PAFFORD

For Tax Collector
YANCY POWELL

For Justice of the Peace Precinct 1.
W. L. YARBROUGH
J. T. ANDREWS.

CITY ELECTION.

For Marshal
SCOTT ALLISON
SAM BURKS.

For Tax Assessor and Collector
R. B. DAVIS

LOCAL NEWS.

Personals and Happenings of Interest Gathered for The Democrat's Many Readers.

Virgil Brown spent Saturday and Sunday in Anna.

Mrs. W. H. Board has returned to Harold, Tex.

Miss Laura Lokey of Farmersville has entered school at the Institute.

For county maps call on J. H. Jenkins.

Window glass all sizes, at City Drug Store.

W. B. Morgan is suffering from a foot pierced by a nail.

Goostree & Houston's grocery customers get more numerous as the months roll by.

Miss Midge Ferguson is on the sick list this week.

Make your wife and children happy by taking them to the Nickel Store when in McKinney.

Capt. W. H. Love and Col. J. M. Pearson went to Dallas Tuesday evening.

Pure whiskies, wines and brandies for medicinal use, at City Drug Store.

Maj. E. F. Brown came down from Sherman Tuesday.

Largest stock paints, oils, varnishes, window glass, brushes and wall paper at very low prices. City Drug Store.

Dr. T. W. Wiley was elected Grand Representative for the ensuing two years at the Grand Lodge meeting of the I. O. O. F. at Fort Worth.

J. D. Coleman, of Colbert, I. T., was in McKinney this week shaking hands with old friends.

An Uncertain Disease.

There is no disease more uncertain in its nature than dyspepsia. Physicians say that the symptoms of no two cases agree. It is therefore most difficult to make a correct diagnosis. No matter under what disguise dyspepsia attacks you, Browns' Iron Bitters will cure it. Invaluable in all diseases of the stomach, blood and nerves. For sale by all dealers.

W. A. Parker and Misses Nettie and Curtie Calaway returned Sunday evening from a trip to Wylie.

The H. & T. C. R. R. will sell round trip tickets to Chattanooga February 19th, 20th and 21st account meeting National Educational Association at one fare for round trip good for return March 1, 1898.

Why Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup is the cheapest. It is the only cough remedy giving 50 doses for 50 cents. Money is refunded if not benefitted or satisfied. Try it. Ask your druggist for a sample bottle.

Eli Hays, a farmer residing a few miles west of McKinney, subscribes for two copies of THE DEMOCRAT. One for himself and the other to be sent Wm. Lee of Woodbine Ky.

Skin Diseases.

For the speedy and permanent cure of tetter, salt rheum and eczema, Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment is without an equal. It relieves the itching and smarting almost instantly and its continued use effects a permanent cure. It also cures itch, barber's itch scald head, sore nipples, itching piles, chapped hands, chronic sore eyes and granulated lids.

Dr. Cady's Condition Powders for horses are the best tonic, blood purifier and vermifuge. Price, 25 cents. Sold by City Drug Store.

WALL PAPER, WALL PAPER. All the new patterns from 5c a roll up, at City Drug Store.

Our spacious grocery store is full to the ceiling with a full, fresh line of goods. Don't worry for fear of getting stale goods. They are not on our shelves. Goostree & Houston.

A cough is an easy thing to cure if taken in time. It is dangerous to neglect one for any length of time. Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup is guaranteed. Fifty cents a bottle.

Mrs. Jennie Walton visited in Sherman this week.

Don't be deceived, but get the genuine Bliss Triumph, N. Y. Rose, Burbanks and Peerless Potatoes from head quarters. W. E. Ditto.

Uriah Jones, Hezekiah Brown and John Peter Smith will testify to the wonderful curative properties of Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup. Sample bottles free. Satisfaction or money refunded.

Miss Lizzie Scott, of Wylie, is visiting here.

Marshall Burks attended the burial of Chief Arnold in Dallas yesterday.

Do you want a good garden? Buy your seed from W. E. Ditto.

Mrs. John Renois has returned to her home in Terrell.

Orvan H. Brooks was in Sherman, Tuesday.

Mrs. W. N. Collier and Mrs. T. W. Wiley were at Fort Worth this week attending the State Rebecca meeting.

Aron Brett of Hartshorn, I. T. was greeting friends on our streets this week.

Seed Potatoes, Onion Sets, etc., from best seed growers in the country Burpee's Onion seed in bulk.
W. E. Ditto.

International Stock Food, 3 feeds for one cent, for horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. Every package waranteed, at City Drug Store.

While the lawn to J. S. Roderick's residence was being burned off Tuesday morning his little daughter was accidentally burned about the face.

Miss Ada Bear returned Tuesday, to her home in Missouri, after an extended visit to her uncle, W. C. Burrus, and family.

We have something else in our store besides field and garden seed. We have the most complete line Staple and Fancy Groceries at lowest price in city give us a call.

Tuck Hill went to Fort Worth, Monday, to attend the state Odd Fellows annual meeting.

We truly thank you for your liberal patronage during 1897 and solicit a continuance of your grocery trade during 1898. Goostree & Houston.

Misses Pearl and Bessie Nelson went to Plano Monday to spend the week with Mrs. G. E. Carpenter.

50 different brands cough medicine. All the reliable kinds, at City Drug Store.

Frank Gutgesell was released from jail on bond Saturday morning. He had been confined ten months on a charge of arson.

Dyspepsia Cured. Shiloh's Vitalizer immediately relieves Sour Stomach. Coming up of Food Distress, and is the great kidney and liver remedy. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

Standard goods, low profits, straightforward dealing and courteous attention to all never fails of reward to the merchants who adopt this motto. The truthfulness of this is demonstrated by Goostree & Houston's immense grocery trade.

Cliff Emerson has received the finest rooster ever brought to McKinney. He is a Barred Plymouth Rock. Mr. Emerson imported him direct from A. C. Hawkins, Lancaster, Mass.

Cure that Cough with Shiloh's Cure. The best Cough Cure. Relieves Croup promptly. One million bottles sold last year. 40 doses for 25 cts. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

The Nickel Store's stock consists of varied useful and ornamental articles. Next time you are in McKinney inspect it.

Loyal Council No. 52 Jr O. U. A. M. held a called meeting Saturday night and initiated three new members. State Secretary W. H. Rawlins of Cleburne was present.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure.

I have re-opened my jewelry repair business at the same old stand and am prepared as before to do all kinds of jewelry and watch work, and respectfully solicit the business of my former patrons. V. C. COLEMAN.

What is it? A cure for Coughs, Colds, Croup, Whooping Cough, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, and all Bronchial Affection of the Throat, Chest and Lungs. 50 doses for 50 cents. Money refunded if it fails to give satisfaction; we mean Dr. Simmons Cough Syrup.

Seed! Seed! Seed!

Large variety Burpees Onion seed and all kinds garden seed in bulk genuine Bliss Triumph and N. Y. Rose Potatoes and Onion Sets at lowest prices at W. E. Ditto's.

Headquarters for Seed.

Just received everything in the Seed line from two car loads seed potatoes to a package of Mustard seed. Bulk seed a specialty. W. E. Ditto.

John Bristol and Tom Dies have opened a new furniture and repair store in the new Johnson Block.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Always Proves Effectual.

There are no better medicines on the market than Chamberlain's. We have used the Cough Remedy when all other failed, and in every instance it proved effectual. Almost daily we hear the virtues of Chamberlain's remedies extolled by those who have used them. This is not an empty puff, paid for at so much a line, but is voluntarily given in good faith, in the hope that suffering humanity may try these remedies and like the writer, be benefitted.—From the Glenville (W. Va.) Pathfinder. For sale by City Drug Store.

The Chestnut Sociable will be reproduced to-morrow night at the opera house. It proved such a success the Cemetery Association prevailed on the ladies to give it again for this sacred cause.

Ladies, Take the Best. If you are troubled with Constipation, Sallow Skin, and a Tired Feeling, take Karl's Clover Tea, it is pleasant to take. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

Gabe Staggs has arrived home from Roswell N. M. In the short time he remained in that salubrious climate he gained 12 pounds in weight.

The Modern Way

Commends itself to the well informed to do pleasantly and effectually what was formerly done in the crudest manner and disagreeably as well. To cleanse the system and break up colds, headaches, and fevers without unpleasant after effects, use the delightful liquid laxative remedy, Syrup of Figs. Made by California Fig Syrup Co.

Foote House Barber Shop.

When in need of barbering don't forget to call on Ed & Will at the Foote House barber shop. They have got the only first class shop in town. You will have to pay for what you get, but will get what you pay for and in first class style. They employ none but expert workmen. They appreciate your patronage in the past and solicit a continuance of the same during the year 1898.

Well Satisfied.

With 1897 we have made a grand change for the better for 1898. We carry up-to-date picture moulding, best grade farmer, queensware tinware best medium line furniture, cook stoves &c. &c.
Asbury & Nelson.

In a recent letter from Washington D. C., to an old friend, Major G. A. Studer, for twenty years United States Consul at Singapore says: "While at Des Moines I became acquainted with a liniment known as Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I found excellent against rheumatism as well as against soreness of the throat and chest (giving me much easier breathing). I had a touch of pneumonia early this week, and two application freely applied to the throat and chest relieved me of it at once. I would not be without it for anything." For sale by City Drug Store.

Spring Seed Wheat.

Spring seed wheat for sale or will exchange for soft wheat. It yields 8 to 10 bushels more per acre than soft wheat. Collin County Mill & Elevator Co. McKinney, Tex.

The I. O. O. F. Grand Lodge of Texas was in session in Fort Worth this week. Among those in attendance from McKinney were: Ben W. Rhine, Dr. T. W. Wiley, Dr. J. W. Largent, Dr. H. L. Pearson and wife, Miss Adelle Rhine and Mrs. Kate McAulay.

Dreadfully Nervous.

GENTS—:I was dreadfully nervous, and for relief took your Karl's Clover Root Tea. It quieted my nerves and strengthed my whole nervous system. I was troubled with Constipation, Kidney and Bowel trouble. Your Tea soon cleansed my system so thoroughly that I rapidly regained health and strength. Mrs. S. A. Sweet, Hartford, Conn. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

A negro named Frank Bennett, swallowed a dime's worth of morphine with suicidal intent Sunday evening but the prompt action of Dr. Bryant thwarted his design. Frank bore a very good reputation for industry. Ill health moved him to attempt the rash act.

Karl's Clover Root Tea is a pleasant laxative. Regulates the bowels, purifies the blood. Clears the complexion. Easy to make and pleasant to take 25 cts. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

Scholarship for Sale.

A scholarship for sale in one of the best business colleges of the state. Call at THE DEMOCRAT

Bey Davis, farmer a few miles north of town, informs us that he marketed 350 bushels of pecans at 90cts per bushel which were gathered from trees standing in a cotton field. He says he realized more from the pecans than from the cotton.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of catarrh that can not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.
F. J. Cheney & Co. Props., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last fifteen years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligation made by their firm.
West & Truax, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.
Walding, Kinnan & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free.

Hall's family pills are the best.

McKINNEY MARKETS.

[CORRECTED WEEKLY]

Cotton	4.50 to 5.50
Wheat per bus	90to 92cts.
Corn per bus	30 to 35cts.
Oats per bus	22 to 23cts
Hay baled per ton	$6.50 to $7.00
Millet hay per ton	$5.50 to $6.50.
Flour per cwt	$2.40 to $2.75
Cotton seed per ton	$8.00
Baled Oats per ton	$5.00
Meal per bus	40 to 45cts.
Straw per ton	$4.00 $4.50
Chops per cwt	75cts.
Bran per cwt	75 to 80cts.
Butter per lb	10 to 12½cts.
Eggs per doz	10 to 12½cts.
Lard per lb	6½ to 7½cts.
Sheep	$2.50 to $2.75
Hogs per cwt	$3.00 to $3.25
Beef on foot per cwt	$2.25 to $2.85
Beef dressed per lb	4 1-2cts.
Dressed pork per lb	4cts.
Chickens per doz	$1.75 to 2.25
Irish Potatoes, per bu	75 to 80cts
Sweet Potatoes, per bu	50 to 75cts
Turnips, per bu	50cts

Be not deceived! A Cough, Hoarseness or croup are not to be trifled with. A dose of Shiloh's Cure will save you much trouble. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

Texas Swine Breeders Association met in Dallas this week. Messrs H. E. Singleton, T. C. Slaughter, J. S. Dowell, W. A. Rhea, E. W. Kirkpatrick and Aron Coffey from this county were present.

Goostree & Houston have enlarged their business by the addition of a ware house. This firm does an extensive and some wholesale business.

FOR SALE: One hundred acre farm, 80 in cultivation, two tenant houses well improved ten miles east of McKinney, also my residence in north McKinney, a splendid home, all can be purchased at a splendid bargain, part cash and long time for balance and low interest. Call on or address.
DOC. FERGUSON,
McKinney, Tex.

Col. R. D. Allison of this city enjoys the distinction of being the oldest living Texas Odd Fellow. He was the recipient of much attention this week at the annual Grand Lodge meeting in Fort Worth.

Miss Nora Reid has returned from a visit to home folks at Pilot Point.

Wire fence netting at the FAIR. Hammond & Sneed, Proprs.

Buy your garden seed of Goostree & Houston. In bulk and packages, fresh and cheap.

Joe Crouch, late of the firm J. P. Crouch & Co. has purchased the A. C Varner bankrupt stock of groceries, Hugh Kistler will remain as chief clerk in the business.

The Collin county medical association held a monthly meeting Tuesday in McKinney. Dr. Combest of Rockhill is president and Dr. Throckmorton of this city secretary.

Secret of Beauty

is health. The secret of health is the power to digest and assimilate a proper quanity of food. This can never be done when the liver does not act it's part.

Do you know this?

Tutt's Liver Pills are an absolute cure for sick headache, dyspepsia, sour stomach, malaria, constipation, torpid liver, piles, jaundice, bilious fever, bilious- and kindred diseases.

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For Sale.

We have several farms from 40 to 160 acres, houses and lots, building lots and business lots. Persons wishing to buy or sell will please call on us at our office, S. E. corner square, McKinney.
Thompson & McKinney.
Real Estate Agents.

Frank Sherwood was down town today, the first time since he has had his tussle with cholera morbus. He says he drove thirty miles after he was taken and never came so near dying in his life. After this when he goes out in the country he will take a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy with him.—Missouri Valley (Iowa) Times. For sale by City Drug Store.

J. T. Nale exchanges new for second hand stoves.

My desire is to sell you a portion of your family groceries during 1898. Call at my store and let's talk about it.
T. J. Melton.

For seed potatoes go to Goostree & Houston. They keep all varieties such as Early Rose, Burpees and Triumph.

Customers and visitors at McDowell & White's are treated to sweet music from a large Wonder Musical Automaton.

We cannot mention all articles of the Fair's big stock. Anything almost you can imagine of a useful nature a a bargain. Hammond & Sneed Propes.

Go to T. J Melton for groceries. You can do no better.

For many years the Nickle Store has pleased its customers. Join the happy throng for 1898.

Strayed or Stolen Stock.

One bay horse about 14 hands high, heavy built. Also three mules described as follows: One 2 year old about 15 hands high, mouse colored with mealy nose; one bay mare mule about 14 hands high, short rope on neck; one yearling bay horse mule about 14 hands high short rope on neck. Strayed Feb. 7. Liberal reward for delivery or information leading to recovery of above described stock.
DR. S. H. ABBOTT,
McKinney, Tex.

To Teachers.

It was our intention to publish the program for the various teachers institutes but we failed to get copy up to time of press day. The dates of the Institutes are as follows:

Plano	Feb.	25 and 26.
Petersburg	"	18 " 19.
Farmersville	"	11 " 12.
Weston	"	11 " 12.
Blue Ridge	"	18 " 19
Nevada	"	18 " 19

Seekers after gold are often disapointed. Seekers after health take Hood's Sarsaparilla and find it meets every expectation.

We have a big stock of garden seeds in bulk and packages and all varieties of the best seed potatoes.
Goostree & Houston.

Best paint on earth, covers more and wears longest, looks best, full measure S. W. P. guaranteed, at City Drug Store.

Attempted Jail Break.

Monday night the prisoners confined in the county jail made an effort to escape which came near proving successful. With an iron bar used in bolting the window shutters five of the prisoners broke several bars of their cell and gained the corridor or space extending around the cells between the cells and wall of the prison. They then bent a bar securing one of the east prison windows but an exit large enough could not be made and the attempt was foiled. If another window bar could have been displaced the five would have easily gained their liberty. Jailor Coffey discovered the attempt Tuesday morning and Saul Smith, the black smith, with assistance is repairing the damage. Jailor Coffey and Mr. Smith both think the cell bars are defective and insecure, even the prisoners boast that they are too rotten to confine them much longer. This is the second effort to break jail by these prisoners in the past two weeks.

Sundry useful articles, cheap, at the Nickle Store.

Our stock of staple and fancy groceries is complete, fresh and going at bedrock prices.
Rogers & Stacy.

If You Eat

Give me a share of your grocery trade for 1898—I am talking to you!
T. J. Melton.

Just think! more than 350 different articles at the FAIR. New goods arriving every day. Hammond & Sneed Propes.

Country produce bought and sold at T. J. Melton's. Farmers and city trade take notice.

Considerable improvement is in progress in north McKinney and Fairfield. Doctor Throckmorton is having his residence repainted and adding other improvements around his home. J. B. Foy has a new barn. The beautiful new residence of Ben Estes is rapidly being built. A new iron fence now surrounds the home of J. C. Rhea. B. F. Johnson and Thurston Jones are both adding improvements to their home. Mr. Berry is having his home repainted.

Seed Potatoes.

Triumph, Early Rose and Peerless, the old reliable varieties of seed potatoes for sale at,
Rogers & Stacy.

Farmers when in McKinney with your children take them to the Nickle Store—It will make them happy to see the pretties though you buy nothing.

Full line of garden seeds at,
Rogers & Stacy's

Splendid bargains at the Nickle Store next door to postoffice.

J. T. Nale is selling Furniture, Stoves, Tinware, Queensware and Glassware and all other kinds of house furnishing goods for less money than any other house in north Texas. One door east of postoffice.

Hog Law Election.

A largely signed petition was filed in the commissioners' court Tuesday praying that body to order a county election at once on the hog law question. Such a law has been very satisfactorily enforced here for several years, but it is now considered annulled owing to a recent decision of the higher courts of the state. It seems from the court's decision that all localities where the hog law existed by a vote under the old statute became inoperative by an act of the last legislature on the hog law subject, hence the county attorney advises another vote in Collin county.

J. T. Nale makes picture frames cheaper than anybody, one door east of postoffice.

Daughters of Confederacy.

Misses Betsey Wiley, Elizabeth Gullett, Minnie Merritt, Leslie Peason and Frances Abernathy issued a call for the mothers, wives and daughters of confederate veterans to meet in Dr. Wiley's office Feb. 9, for the purpose of organizing a chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy. Pursuant to this call a number met and organized Sul Ross chapter, named in honor of the lamented ex governor who was a gallant confederate general. Sixteen charter members were enrolled. Capt. T. M. Scott of Melissa and Tom W. Perkins who were present donated money sufficient to the ladies to purchase a charter. The officers elected are: Miss Betsey Wiley, president; Mrs. W. T. Beverly, vice-pres.; Mrs. T. M. Scott, second vice-pres.; Miss Leslie Pearson, secretary; Miss Louise Atkinson, treasurer. The next meeting will be held Feb. 25. A large membership for Sul Ross Chapter is anticipated.

DON'T FORGET THE NUMBER

Hibbits & Martin have purchased the barber shop on South Tenn. street, and have reopened for business. We are prepared to give first-class work and guarantee satisfaction. We don't have shaves by the carload but make them to order when you call for them. Soliciting a part of your patronage. We are yours to serve. Frank & Gene.
4 doors South of C. C. Bank.

Special Notice.

All persons indebted to the firm of Drs. Caldwell & Caldwell will take due notice that the notes and accounts due said firm have been placed in my hands for collection. The same must be settled promptly. All accounts not settled by March 1, 1898, will be placed in the hands of an attorney for adjustment.
A. J. CALDWELL,
2nd door south of C C Bank.

ALTOGA ATOMS.

Schools Prosperity — Death Of An Old Lady.

Feb. 8, '98.

Bud Odell has a bicycle.

Will Dunn and Marvel Vermillion attended literary at Wes school house Saturday night.

Ed McGee and Dave Watkins were returning from Verona Sunday night in a cart when their horse became frightened and and made a wreck of the vehicle without injury to themselves.

Bill Sandidge has moved into his new house which was finished some few days ago.

A singing society has been organized at the church by the young people of the community with William Dunn, Jr., as president to meet every Tuesday night.

The Altoga school is moving along nicely under the management of Miss Cassie Clark.

Mrs. Applegate, an old lady who had been sick for several months, died yesterday and was interred in the Altoga cemetery this afternoon.

J. O. Hipp of this place is a candidate for the democratic nominee of County Surveyor.

Mr. Osbern of Melissa was here Saturday.

A. J. Braswell was in McKinney to-day.

Dr. Wright who once resided here is manager of the Melissa hotel.

The literary talent of Johnson neighborhood are preparing to recite a one hour and fifty minute play some time in the near future.

Bro. Hudleston filled his regular appointment at Johnson, Sunday Bro. Hudleston is a ready, pleasing, eloquent pastor.
QUIEN SABE.

DESERT DESSERT.

Dished Up For Our Readers By Rufus.

Feb. 8, 1898.

An interesting debate took place at our school house Friday night.

Ace Walker fearing that W. J. Bryan would not be elected in 1900, has sold his cotton.

Mrs. Clark of Tennessee is visiting her son, Stanley, here.

Rev. Reece preached an interesting sermon Sunday.

Mrs. Gordon is visiting her son at Dodd City.
RUFUS.

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DANGER SIGNALS

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Indigestion
Fever
Muddy Complexion
Nervousness
Pain in Back
Cold Extremites
Loss of Memory
Loss of Appetite
Dimness of Vision
Wasting Away

The nervous system controls the action of the vital organs of the body. Unless they are in a perfect state of health they lose the functions nature intended them for. The nervous system cannot be in proper working order unless properly fed by rich, red and life-giving blood. The blood's active principle is the red corpuscles that contain iron. The white corpuscles are the sewers of the body to carry off impurities. Too few red corpuscles in proportion to white ones means an impoverished condition of the blood that shows itself in the pale face and colorless lips. Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic is a preparation containing iron in such form that it immediately strikes the circulatory system and furnishes what nature has not provided. Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic is put up in a scientific manner. It has had 42 years actual test on the market.

Sold everywhere. Sample dose of Dr. Harter's Little Liver Pills and Book of Dreams mailed free.

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Address HARTER, Dayton, Ohio.

—Dr. Harter's Little Liver Pills do the Business.

GENERAL NEWS.

Items of Interest Briefly Culled For The Readers of The Democrat.

Four thousand telephone and telegraph wires in Chicago will be placed under ground at once by the order of Mayor Harrison.

President Diaz of Mexico denies the report that he is to visit this country.

Gold mines near Llano are said to assay from $2 to $70 per ton

Capt. James C. Arnold, Dallas' veteran chief of police and highly esteemed citizen, died at his home Feb. 5. His death was due to wounds inflicted in the calf of his right leg by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of Rev. G. W. Truett.

The waybill on 100 carloads of jute bagging, shipped from Calcutta, India, to a firm in St. Louis will cause the St. Louis firm to pay the neat sum of $42,000 just for the freights.

Mrs. Lafayette Bailey of Plano narrowly escaped being burned to death by the explosion of a lamp. She succeeded in tearing off her dress which thus saved her life. The accident occurred Feb. 5.

A big cracker trust was formed a Chicago Feb. 3. Nearly all the companies in the United States joined it. The new company will be known as the national buscuit company with a capitol of $25,000,000. Next!

On Feb. 5, Scott Mays of Gainesville, left his horse unhitched, while in the buggy was his two year old child. The horse became frightened and ran away. Mr. Mays in trying to stop the horse was seriously hurt. Eugene Andrews caught the horse and saved the child's life.

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Strong corps and most experienced faculty in the South. Instruction [illegible]. Discipline mild, though firm. Training both mental [illegible]. Catalogue and information on application.

[illegible] Pres., Sherman, Texas.

TEXAS RELIEF RAILROAD.

Its Importance and Feasibility --An Offer Has Been Made of the Rails and Engines.

(Hon. Barnett Gibbs.)

Hon. Barnett Gibbs said to the reporter: "A Texas relief railroad will be built if the state of Texas won't protect the people by building a railroad from the gulf to Red river with its convicts and school money, then let it give the sovereign people the right to build a co-operative relief railroad with the bond issue and maximum freight rate limited in the charter. Under the present law and constitution the people can't even get a charter that will protect the co-operators and citizen subsidizers of such a road.

"I have the estimate of one of the best posted engineers in Texas that a completed railroad bed from the gulf to Red river will not cost over $5000 per mile. The preseut railroads cost from $12,000 to $20,000 per mile. They paid as high as $75 per ton for rails that can now be had for $17. They paid 25 cents per yard for moving dirt that can now be moved for 10 cents. They sold bonds et 75 cents on the dollar that to-day on this relief railroad can be sold at par with less rate of interest.

"I have a proposition from one of the largest iron concerns in the United States proposing if there is a charter limit to bond issue per mile of $8000 that they will furnish iron rails at cash price and take such bonds at par. If the people along the relief railroad are protected by charter in their co-operative work they will take stock for the grading and ties. The stock on a basis of $10,000 to the mile and the bond issue limited to $6000 or $8000 would circulate as money and pay freight.

"It would be a cornbread and bacon railroad with no expensive officials, attorneys or lobbyists and would earn dividends and interest. Every man along the line would be a solicitor for the railroad, as he would have some of the stock.

"While I believe it is the duty of the state to build this relief railroad or advance as the only permitted loan enough money for iron and engines, yet I believe it can be built without, if the state will protect the co-operators in the charter grant from being swallowed up. The sovereign state or the sovereign people (God help such sovereigns) can better afford under present conditions to build a railroad than to steal one already built and stocked and bonded for $80,000 per mile. A state or a co-operative railroad with charter guards can't be stolen.

"When Mr. Race Hearne took stock for grading and tieing a part of the Houston and Texas Central he was a long-headed planter who realized five for one when it came to a show-down. If he had been protected by the right kind of charter and laws he never would have sold out for fear of a federal court squeeze.

"The great trouble with Texas to-day is the high freight rate to the gulf, which is fixed in New York to earn dividends on a large bonded indebtedness. The railroads are not to blame, as they are out after the stuff and don't set themselves up for protectors of the people. They are not doing business for less than the Dutchman's 1 per cent if they can help themselves. The United States government, and even the Lord, is not making a specialty of helping Texas. It is shop and schoolhouse ignorance that is doing us up.

"Every politician makes it a rule to save just so much of the people as will get him to the ballot box. We have whined around the United States government and prayed to the Lord on the flat of our backs until neither grunts nor prayers in Texas are legal tender at the throne of grace in Washington city or in heaven. The Bible says the Lord loves a cheerful giver, but it don't promise that the Lord will give everything for the mere asking.

"The railroad commission is bound up by environments, even if the commissioners had any experience in commercial business. Ghosts of injunctions and United States marshals have rattled them so that they are continually figuring on running for some other office to get out of the haunted house.

"Whenever they start to fix a rate, my friend, Tom Freeman, who is and always has has been a good lawyer, with a voice as seductive as the song of a siren or the smile of a grass widow, makes those commissioners shed tears over a poor orphan railroad with a $40,000 mortgage per mile and no meat in the smokehouse. When Tom Freeman fails to make those commissioners shed tears and sweat blood, Perkins, my Greenville friend, with sad eyes but an oily tongue, begins where Tom left off. When Perkins gets through, if it was not that 'his shape is agin him,' those commissioners would set up Mumm's extra dry behind the scenes in the greenroom and embrace him, As an arouser of sympathetic human nature the Greenville singer is a success.

"I pity the people and the commissioners who are trying to run a lot of railroads built in credit mobiler days, and now hedged in with statu quos, vested rights and seductive eloquence. I spent $1500 on the first turn for the establishment of a railroad commission, and Jim Hogg and Jot Gunter know it. It has cost me a good many thousand dollars to find out since then that a man must own the mule as well as the harness to make a success of farming.

"I am not blaming the commission or anybody else. I went into the secret shades of Elm fork and confessed to the Lord that I had been somewhat of a jackass, and eat my sackcloth and ashes like a true penitent. The commission has failed, not because we were short on Solomons, but mostly because we sent them out to hunt livers without any gun. The commissioners, following party style, have cussed me, but I never have cussed them.

"Jim Hogg knew that the commission would not do to play as a lone hand, and in his first message to the legislature he squinted at a state or co-operative railroad built by the state or with a safe state aid. He believed it a necessity. Jim is fond of storms, but a newspaper cyclone hit him; he has never said he was fond of cyclones.

"Jim never changed his mind, but he said, 'By gatlins, the people are not educated up to this point, and we best lay low.' The message is there to show for itself and Jim never denies anything. It is the only time in twenty years that I ever knew him to dig up a snake and then let it escape because its tongue was red and fiery. Jim did build a short line of railroad at the penitentiary, but quit politics before he extended it far enough to help the people or lose his democracy.

"It won't make any difference whether a candidate for the legislature or a state office is in favor of a measure or not; if a respectable number of the people want to vote on a constitutional amendment they should have the right to do so, and a politician that won't agree to let them in is an egotistical ass, even though he happened to be a populist. The people have a right to vote on this question of a Texas relief railroad in the shape of a state or a co-operative railroad from the gulf to Red river. It can be built for $5000 a mile and run as a freight railroad without the expensive paraphernalia of a corporation having to divy with everybody.

"Democrats, republicans and populists all went in together to get deep water and got it. When Col. Hoxie and Malone and myself went in together and called the first deep water convention the cry went up that it was a scheme of mine to make money out of the government. I spent several slugs of it, but never made or tried to make a dollar out of it.

"When Hogg sent his railroad message in the cry went up that Jot Gunter, Sawnie Robertson and myself were going to gobble up the school fund to build a state railroad. Not one of us had thought or spoken of it except as an economical measure.

"The merchant, the farmer, the mechanic and the professional man ought to understand this Texas relief railroad question and teach it to his children along with home industry principles. No fair-minded railroad man can oppose it, as Texas has given them more than any other nation on earth, but the sovereign people reserved the right of self-preservation as a god-given right not dependent upon politicians.

"In two years I expect to see $20 gold pieces as plentiful as silver dollars, but it will not help as much as a low freight rate and a certain volume of manufacturing. We must get to sea with our produce and our boys for there is where commercial supremacy in peace and national supremacy in war must ever be settled and the fight lost or won.

"We may die before the tariff question is settled and be choked to death with gold before the silver question gets a majority, but we can double our commerce and manufacturing in two years. I don't want any nomination, but would like to amend a prayer for democrats, populists and republicans of Texas to repeat this off year: 'God save the United States and watch Texas save herself.' Gold bugs admitted to full fellowship, if they pray loud and often enough; if not they are to be forced to give up the people's seeds now received under congressional frank. I am willing to forgive and forget, but will never understand why populists were cut off the congressional morning glory list and gold bugs kept on it."

D. P. Johnson, of Farmersville, is in the race for county judge of Collin. He came to this county seventeen years ago and is forty years old. He has been actively engaged in the practice of law for ten years, five of which he has served as city attorney of Farmersville. In politics he believes in the principles of the Chicago platform; in county affairs he believes in more roads and better roads and the adminstration of laws as written without too much regard for mere technicalities. Mr. Johnson asks an earnest consideration of of his merits by every primary voter

Greenville Democrats.

At a meeting of the city executive committee at Greenville Friday evening they adopted the following test:

"In voting this ticket I affirm that I am a democrat and voted for the state democratic ticket in the last general election; I further declare that I did not vote for the republican electors for president and vice president and pledge myself to support the nominees of this primary."—Plano Courier.

PAPA: "How are you getting on in arithmetic, Russell? Come now, tell me! If there are two little boys, and another comes, what does that make?" Russell (quickly): "A fight."

UNCLE JOHN (after a lesson, trying to explain the whereabouts of China): "Now, Harry, if a man were to bore a hole down through the earth, where would he come out?" Harry; "Out of the hole."

"POP," said Willie, "why is it called a gymnasium?" "Why-why, because that's it's name-ah"—"Yes, I know that," said Willie; "but why didn't they call it a Tomnasium or a Bobnasium, eh?"

Proclamation

Mardi Gras at New Orleans will this year be February 21st and 22nd the latter being the most important day with the greatest number of attractions. The Texas & Pacific Railway, the only line running through sleepers and coaches to New Orleans, will sell tickets from their Texas stations February 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st; and from Louisiana stations February 19th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd; all tickets limited to March 5th. The rate will be only one-fare for the rounb-trip.

See nearest Ticket Agent for further informations, or address E. P. Turner, General Passenger & Ticket agent, Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Benton McMillin is thorougly convinced that Tennessee never before had such a fool legislature as the present one.

Augustus Ratcliff, aged 20 years, residing near Orange, was showing some boys how western cowboys twirl their guns when he accidentally threw the pistol, which he supposed was unloaded, behind him. The unexpected bullet went through his back killing him.

The National Educational Association will meet in Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 22, 23, and 24.

P. Tanner, of Nashville, Tenn., a man high in social circles, being cashier of a bank and leader in many public associations took his life Feb. 6 at a house of ill fame. He leaves a wife and family.

If anybody doubts that the state campaign has opened this bit of pleasantry from the Kaufman Leader ought to dispel it: "A democratic exchange says it is conceded that the people's party is dead. It is also a conceded fact that the crop of liars is on the increase, hence the reported death of the people's party."

Too Much Knife!

The use of the surgeon's knife is becoming so general, resulting fatally in such a large number of cases, as to occasion general alarm.

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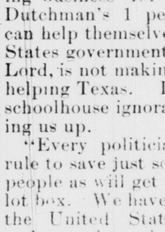

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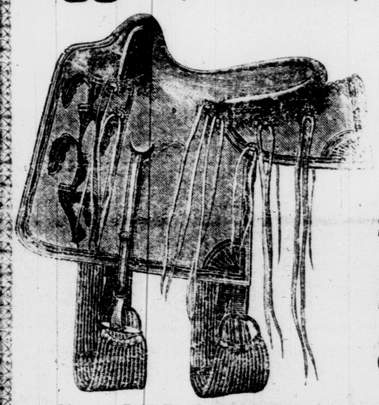

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